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S. TOMIHARA

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 3, 2002, Applicant elects to prosecute the invention defined by the Examiner as Group II, including claims 12-23 and 25. This election is made with traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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Papers Filed Herewith:

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Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the papers filed, as identified in connection with the above-identified patent application.

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